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TO: MR. E.L. WEBBER, PRESIDENT

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

THANKS FOR YOUR MESSAGE.

BEFORE WE HAD WORD OF IT THE BOSTON MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS HAD
LEARNED THAT BULGARIANS HAD DECIDED TO CANCEL CANADIAN SHOWING
OF THRACIAN ARTS EXHIBIT WHICH WAS TO FOLLOW UPON THE NEW YORK
SHOWING; AND AFTER THEY MADE A STRONG PITCH FOR THE EXHIBIT
(SUPPORTED BY US HERE) THEY SEEM TO HAVE GOTTEN IT. METRO-
POLITAN MUSEUM STRONGLY SUPPORTED THEIR REQUEST. WHILE I DO
NOT KNOW IF THE BULGARIANS HAVE ANY FLEXIBILITY ABOUT AN
ADDITIONAL SHOWING IN THE US, THE ONLY THING I CAN SUGGEST AT
THIS TIME IS THAT YOU SEND A MESSAGE TO LYUDMILLA ZHIVKOVA,
CHAIRWOMAN OF COMMITTEE OF CULTURE, SOFIA, MAKING THE CASE FOR
AN ADDITIONAL SHOWING IN CHICAGO. IT WOULD BE MY GUESS THAT
ANY CHANCE THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE WOULD DEPEND UPON SUPPORT ALSO
OF THE OTHER TWO US MUSEUMS INVOLVED. I SEE NO CHANCE
OF CHICAGO BEING SUBSTITUTED FOR BOSTON. THERE IS MUCH
TO BE SAID IN FAVOR OF ONE ADDITIONAL SHOWING IN THE US
AND FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS OF CHICAGO AND OF YOUR
MUSEUM, PARTICULARLY SINCE YOUR INTEREST WAS MANIFESTED
ALREADY A YEAR AGO. PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED AND I WILL
BE GLAD TO HELP, BUT FRANKLY AM NOT VERY SANGUINE THAT

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BULGARIANS WILL AUTHORIZE ANOTHER SHOWING BEFORE THEY
BRING THE EXHIBIT BACK TO EUROPE. WARM REGARDS.

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